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NON AVAILABILITY OF WAGONS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings of steel industry are facing the problems of non-availability of wagons for inward as well as outward movement of goods and raw materials;

(b) if so, whether the problem has been brought into the notice of the Railway Ministry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Railway Ministry thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(d): Sometimes the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of the Ministry of Steel face intermittent problems in the availability of certain types of wagons for the movement of goods and raw materials.These problems are taken up by the PSUs with the concerned Divisional/ Zonal Railway Offices and if necessary, with the Railway Board; as well as by the Ministry of Steel with the Ministry of Railways, when warranted.

Apart from this, issues related to railways including `wagons dispatch and detention` are also taken up regularly at meetings in the Cabinet Secretariat, where the representatives of the Ministry of Railways are also present.

The mechanisms mentioned above have helped in the resolution of such problems relating to wagon availability.